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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

LEIFER ET AL.

Examiner

Anabel M Ton

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 November 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-31, 33 and 34 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claim 32 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tortola et al.(5,165,779)

- With regards to the recitation "A light assembly for use in enhancing the view of compact computer video screen, the compact computer device having a power supply, an on/off power switch and a link port adapted to connect the compact computer device to another compact computer device, the light assembly comprising:" has not been given any patentable weight because it has been held that a preamble is denied the effect of a limitation where the claim is drawn to a structure and the portion of the claim following the preamble is a self-contained description of the structure not depending for completeness upon the introductory clause. *Kropa v. Robie*, 88 USPQ 478 (CCPA 1951)
- Tortola discloses a frame having a frame opening formed from an upper frame opening and a lower frame opening (32,30), said frame opening being positionable over the video screen (fig 2); a light source disposed at a side of said frame for projecting light toward an opposing side of said frame; a reflective

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surface disposed at said opposing side and adapted to receive and reflect light from said light source toward the video screen; and a magnifying lens disposed within said upper frame opening (col. 3, lines 8-44).

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 2-34 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art cited does not teach the following:
 - A light assembly for use in enhancing the view of a video screen of a compact computer device, the light assembly comprising: a frame having a frame opening adapted to be positioned over the video screen; a light source disposed at a side of said frame for projecting light toward an opposing side of said frame; a reflective surface disposed at said opposing side and adapted to receive and reflect light from said light source toward the video screen; and power supply means for supplying the light source with electrical current, wherein said power supply means comprises a plug electrically adapted to be releasably connected to a link port of the compact computer device.
 - A light assembly for use in enhancing the view of a video screen of a compact computer device, the light assembly comprising: a frame having a frame opening

adapted to be positioned over the video screen; a light source disposed at a side of said frame for projecting light toward an opposing side of said frame; a reflective surface disposed at said opposing side and adapted to receive and reflect light from said light source toward the video screen, said reflective surface comprising a curved reflective surface; and an additional reflective surface disposed opposite said curved reflective surface across said frame opening for further reflecting light reflected from said curved reflective surface back toward said curved reflective surface.

- A light assembly for use in enhancing the view of a video screen of a compact computer device, the light assembly comprising: a frame having a frame opening adapted to be positioned over the video screen; a light source disposed at a side of said frame for projecting light toward an opposing side of said frame; and a reflective surface disposed at said opposing side and adapted to receive and reflect light from said light source toward the video screen, wherein said reflective surface comprises a flat reflective surface pivotally mounted to said frame.
- A light assembly for use in enhancing the view of a video screen of a compact computer device, the light assembly comprising: a frame having a frame opening adapted to be positioned over the video screen; a light source disposed at a side of said frame for projecting light toward an opposing side of said frame; and a reflective surface disposed at said opposing side and adapted to receive and reflect light from said light source toward the video screen, wherein said reflective surface comprises a curved reflective surface pivotally mounted to said frame.

- A light assembly for use in enhancing the view of a video screen of a compact computer device, the light assembly comprising: a frame having a frame opening adapted to be positioned over the video screen; a light source disposed at a side of said frame for projecting light toward an opposing side of said frame; a reflective surface disposed at said opposing side and adapted to receive and reflect light from said light source toward the video screen; and a magnifying lens disposed within said frame opening.
- A light assembly for use in enhancing the view of a video screen of a compact computer device, the light assembly comprising: a frame having a frame opening adapted to be positioned over the video screen; a light source disposed at a side of said frame for projecting light toward an opposing side of said frame; a reflective surface disposed at said opposing side and adapted to receive and reflect light from said light source toward the video screen; power supply means for supplying the light source with electrical current, said power supply means comprising a plug electrically adapted to be releasably connected to a link port of the compact computer device; and an external jack adapted to provide a user accessible link port when said plug is disposed within the link port of the compact computer device.
- A light assembly for use in enhancing the view of compact computer video screen, the compact computer device having a power supply, an on/off power

switch and a link port adapted to connect the compact computer device to another compact computer device, the light assembly comprising: a frame having a frame opening formed from an upper frame opening and a lower frame opening, said frame opening being positionable over the video screen; a light source disposed at a side of said frame for projecting light toward an opposing side of said frame; a reflective surface disposed at said opposing side and adapted to receive and reflect light from said light source toward the video screen; power supply means for selectively supplying said light source with electrical current, said power supply means comprising a plug electrically connected to the combined light/magnifier and adapted to be releasably connected to the link port of the computer device to obtain electrical current from the power supply of the compact computer device; and an external jack adapted to provide a user accessible link port when said plug is disposed within the link port of the compact computer device.

- A light assembly for use in enhancing the view of compact computer video screen, the compact computer device having a power supply, an on/off power switch and a link port adapted to connect the compact computer device to another compact computer device, the light assembly comprising: a frame having a frame opening being positionable over the video screen; a light source for projecting light in a predetermined direction; a reflective surface positioned in a path of said predetermined direction to receive and reflect light from said light

source toward the video screen; and a magnifying lens disposed within said upper frame opening.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anabel M Ton whose telephone number is (703) 305-1084. The examiner can normally be reached on 08:00-16:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (703) 305-4939. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9318 for regular communications and (703) 872-9319 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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